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DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING TO HOST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

RICHMOND – The Department of Criminal Justice Training is hosting the 2003 convention of the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST), and will welcome nearly 80 law enforcement training professionals from 36 states to Kentucky. The conference will be held from June 16 to June 20 at Embassy Suites in Lexington.

IADLEST is an international organization of training managers and executives dedicated to the improvement of public safety personnel. Its mission is to research, develop and share information, ideas and innovations that assist states in establishing effective and defensible standards for employment and training of peace officers.

“It is an honor for Kentucky and the Department of Criminal Justice Training to host the 2003 convention,” said DOCJT Deputy Commissioner Herb Bowling. “Improving law enforcement training has been a priority in our state, and we are excited about showing what we have accomplished, as well as seeing what other states are doing in this field.”

Bowling will be inducted as the organization’s first vice president during the conference.

The conference’s opening ceremony will be at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 17 at Embassy Suites. DOCJT Commissioner John W. Bizzack will be the keynote speaker at the event. Representatives from the media are invited to attend.

Media representatives also are invited to tour the Department of Criminal Justice Training’s new state-of-the-art training facilities with the IADLEST members. The tour will begin at 1:15 p.m. Friday, June 20 at the Funderburk Building, located on Eastern Kentucky University’s campus.

The Department of Criminal Justice Training is a nationally ranked agency that provides Kentucky’s law enforcement officers with state-of-the-art training. It offers both entry-level and professional development training for approximately 10,000 students each year. In March, the agency became the first public safety training academy in the nation to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies under its newly created program: Public Safety Training Academy Accreditation.

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